CHAPTER 2

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GOBLIN SLAYER

WHO WAS THIS MAN WHO HAD SAVED THE PRIESTESS FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THE VILE GOBLINS?
GOBLIN SLAYER ...?
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THE STORY SO FAR: A PRIESTESS SETS OUT WITH A GROUP OF NEWBIE ADVENTURERS TO SLAY A NEST OF GOBLINS, BUT THE GOBLINS LAUNCH A SURPRISE ATTACK, NEARLY WIPING OUT THE PARTY. THE PRIESTESS' LIFE IS IN JEOPARDY, BUT SHE IS SAVED BY A MAN WEARING A SUIT OF ARMOR, CALLING HIMSELF "GOBLIN SLAYER"...
YOU JUST REGISTERED?
OH... / YES.
LOOKS LIKE YOU CAN TALK.
A SILVER TAG...
HE'S A SILVER-RANKED ADVENTURER!
PRACTICALLY SPEAKING, ONLY SILVER-RANKED ADVENTURERS AND BELOW ARE ACTUALLY OUT IN THE WILDERNESS.

YOU'RE LUCKY.
HERE'S A HEALING POTION.
IT'LL HURT WHEN I PULL OUT THE ARROW.
DRINK.
WH-WHAT?
GUAAAAH!!
GUDA (GRIP)
WHAT'S WRONG? DRINK IT.
IT WILL NUMB THE PAIN.
I WANT ...
HRGH!!
ARRGHHH

I WANT YOU TO GIVE THIS ...
...TO HER...
THEY STABBED HER WITH A DAGGER ...
... BUT ...
PLEASE ...!
...I COULDN'T ...I COULDN'T HELP HER...
... WITH MY MIRA-CLE ...
COUGH!
GU (cough)

GIVE IT UP.
SHE'S BEEN POISONED.
IT'S ALREADY SPREAD THROUGH HER BODY. EVEN AN ANTIDOTE WON'T HELP NOW.
YOU'RE LUCKY...
SO CONFIDENT
...EASE
...ME?
KH...
KUTE...
THEY MAKE IT FROM A MIXTURE OF THEIR OWN URINE AND EXCREMENT, ALONG WITH POISONOUS HERBS.
THEIR METHODS ARE PRIMI-TIVE...
...BUT THE EFFECT IS DEADLY.
KUH CAUGHT

I WILL.
WAIT! WE CAN STILL —
TORN CRUNCH
GOTO CRUNCH
KUHL...
DON'T BE UPSET.
HOW COULD YOU...? WE STILL ...
WE STILL COULD HAVE SAVED HER...

GU (GLUG)
DRINK THE POTION.
IT WILL HELP WITH THE PAIN.
PHEW ...!
DID YOU SEE ANY BIG ONES?
THERE WAS ONE...I THINK ... BUT ...
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WILL YOU GO BACK OR WAIT HERE?
I'M GOING TO GO FINISH OFF THE GOBLINS.
THAT WAS A HOBGOBLIN. MAYBE THEY TOOK ON A WANDERER AS A GUARD.

CAN YOU MOVE?
YES!
I...I'M COMING WITH YOU...!
WHAT ARE YOUR ABILITIES?
I'VE RECEIVED THE MIRACLES MINOR HEAL AND HOLY LIGHT.
HOW MANY USES?
THREE ALTO-GETHER.
I HAVE TWO LEFT TODAY.
ゴロ
GORO (ROLL)
IN THAT CASE, WE'VE SOMETHING TO DO FIRST.
THANK YOU!
...ALL RIGHT.

!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
YOU DON'T NEED TO—
DOCHA (SPLASH)
DOCHA
BARI (CARVE)
BARI
THEY HAVE AN EXCELLENT SENSE OF SMELL.
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO GIRLS WHO HAVE WET THEM-SELVES.
!
DOCHA (SPLASH)
DOCHA
BOTA
BOTA (DRIBBLE)
WE HAVE TO MASK THE SCENT.

SAVE YOUR MIRACLES FOR HOLY LIGHT.
MINOR HEAL WON'T DO US ANY GOOD.
YES, SIR ...
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POR-GOOOH
BREATHE THROUGH YOUR NOSE.
YOU'LL HAVE TO GET USED TO THE SMELL OF BLOOD AND VISCERA.
AS AN ADVENTURER, YOU WILL FIND IT EVERYWHERE.

THIS PLACE IS...!
EIGHT ...
NINE ...
!
TOO LONG TO USE IN A CAVE.
WE'RE GOING, GOBLIN SLAYING!!
GRK!
GRRRGH!
GABOH (CLUB)
BEHA (SPLAT)

WERE YOU ATTACKED FROM BEHIND BY A GROUP OF THEM?
WHY DID THIS HAPPEN...?
WHY...
GH!
WHA ...?
THERE ARE SIDE TUNNELS UP AHEAD.
THEY MUST HAVE COME FROM THERE.
S...SIDE TUNNELS ...!?
BUT THAT'S NOT POS—
COME LOOK.

HERE.
A COMMON MISTAKE FOR BEGINNERS.
THESE WEREN'T HERE WHEN WE CAME BY...
HOW ...?
...!

THE CAVE IS DARK...
...AND YOU HAVE ONLY YOUR TORCH FOR LIGHT.
YOU'RE NOT LOOKING CLOSELY AT THE SHADOWS.
YOU FOCUS ON THAT TOTEM INSTEAD.
AND, THUS DIS-TRACTED ...
...YOU DON'T NOTICE THE TUNNELS.
WHAT'S THAT?
SOME KIND OF GOBLIN SEX TOY?
AT THAT MOMENT ...
...WE WERE AL-READY ...

GOBLINS ARE NO GENIUSES, BUT THEY'RE NO FOOLS EITHER.
THIS TOTEM MEANS THERE'S A SHAMAN HERE.
A SHAMAN ...?
A SPELL-CASTER.
MORE POWERFUL THAN PORCELAIN-RANKED WIZARD.
HE MUST BE LEADING THIS HORDE.
F-FOUR OF US...
HOW MANY OF YOU WERE THERE?
PACHI (CRACK)
BO (WOOSH)
PACHI
WAS THE FOURTH A GIRL TOO?
THEY MUST'VE TAKEN HER DEEPER IN.
!
THEN WE HAVE TO HELP HER —!

?
ポイ
POI (TOSS)
?
ヤッ
KIN (CRATTLE)
ガラ
KARA (CLATTER)
ガラ
KARA...
ペタ
PETA (PATTER)
ズ…
ZU (CRAWL)
ガバ
GABA (CRAWL)
ズザザ
ZUZAZA (SLIDE)
A GOBLIN ...!

DO
THOOK!
CAN YOU SEE IN THE DARK...?
HARD-LY.
DO!
I'VE PRAC-TICED.

Um...
WHAT ABOUT YOUR SWORD?
IT'S CAKED WITH BLOOD AND FAT.
I CAN'T USE IT ANYMORE.
THIS SPEAR WILL DO INSTEAD.
DARK-NESS IS OUR ENEMY.
AND LISTEN FOR ANY NOISES.
BUT THEY CAN.
SO BUILD A FIRE.
WE'VE GOT THE RIGHT TUNNEL.
WE'RE GOING IN.
THAT ONE WAS A SCOUT.
GOSO (RUSTLE)
GA (POUND)
GA
AND IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE, DO EXACTLY AS I SAY.
A LITTLE TRAP.
DON'T FORGET ABOUT IT.
WHAT'S THE ROPE FOR...?

HERE WE GO!
THEIR MAIN HALL IS JUST AHEAD.
YOU STAND THERE AND CHANT HOLY LIGHT.
THEN COME BACK TO THE ENTRANCE.

O EARTH MOTHER, ABOUNDING IN MERCY...
...GRANT YOUR SACRED LIGHT...
...TO WE WHO ARE LOST IN DARKNESS.
HOLY LIGHT!

SIX.
ONE HOB ...
ONE SHAMAN ...

EIGHT LEFT.
KYUUU (PHWW)
OOF
DO (THOK)
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

DON'T FORGET ABOUT IT.

BA (LEAP)
AAAHH!
TO (GRIP)
DO (THUMP)
AGAIN?
CHANT!!
O EARTH MOTHER, ABOUNDING IN MERCY—
—GRANT YOUR SACRED LIGHT TO WE WHO ARE LOST IN DARKNESS!

HOLY LIGHT !!
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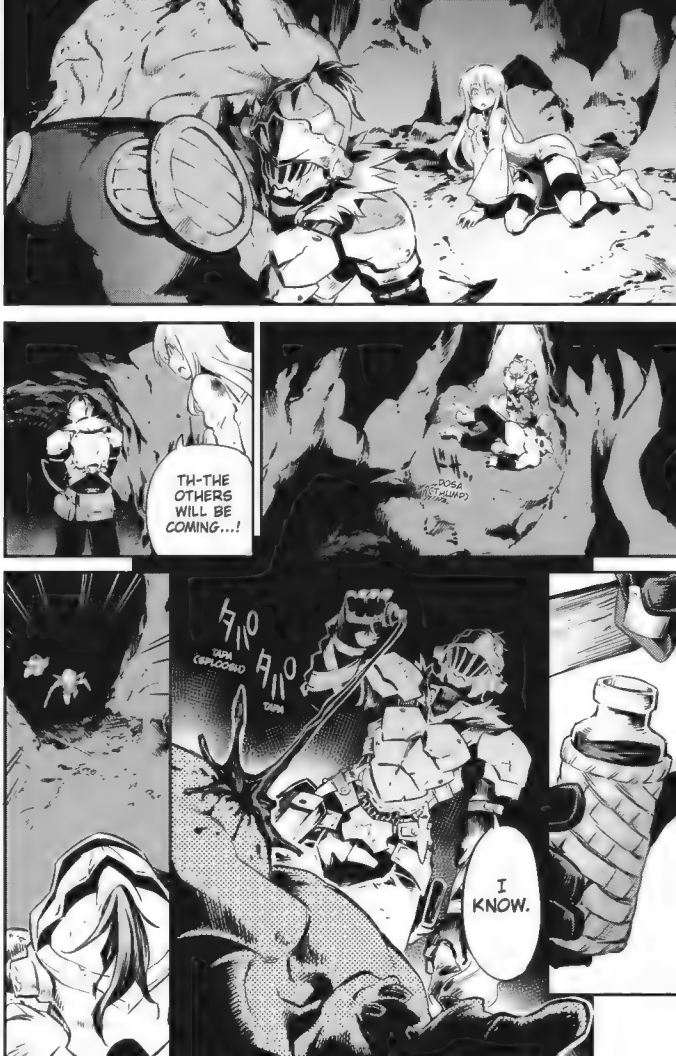
ZUUU GWOO
ZURAA GWISH

GUN (WHOOSH)
(GASP)
(THUMP)
ELEVEN
(CHIP)


TH-THE OTHERS WILL BE COMING...!
DOSA (THUMP)
TAPA (EXPLOSION)
TAPA
I KNOW.

GO (THUD)
GR (CRUNCH)
SEE YOU IN HELL.
GORO (ROLL)
BOGUN (FWOOSH)

THIR-
TEEN.
WH-
WHAT
WAS
THAT?
SOME
CALL IT
MEDEA'S OIL.
OTHERS,
PETROLEUM.
IT'S
GASOLINE.
AWFULLY
EXPENSIVE
FOR SUCH
A SIMPLE
EFFECT.
B-BUT
INSIDE—IN
THERE, THE
KIDNAPPED
GIRLS—!
THE FIRE
WON'T
SPREAD
FAR WITH
JUST A FEW
BODIES TO
FEED ON.
A-ARE
YOU
GOING
BACK IN,
THEN?
NO
NEED.

DOKIA (WHACK)
BIN (TWIP)
ZAKU (RIP)
DO (THUMP)
SEV-EN-TEEN.
THEY NEVER SEEM TO THINK SOMEBODY MIGHT SET AN AMBUSH FOR THEM.

IS THAT... IS THAT ALL OF THEM?
...LET'S GO INSIDE.

IT'S ALL RIGHT...
YOU'RE SAFE NOW...

I THOUGHT SO.

GRAAHHH!!
БО
СТУКОЖ

EIGHTEEN.
THE HIGH-LEVEL ONES ARE TOUGH.
ARE THESE ...
... HUMAN BONES ...?
TYPICAL GOBLIN TRICK. LOOK.

BAM! (CRASH)
YOU WERE LUCKY.
BEKIN (CRACK)

BA (THUK)
THESE CREATURES MULTIPLY QUICKLY.
BEFORE LONG, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN FIFTY OF THEM, AND THEY WOULD HAVE ATTACKED EN MASSE.
CHIL-DREN ...

GNH (CRUSHED)
YOU'LL ...
... KILL THE CHILDREN TOO?

OF COURSE I WILL.
WE'VE DESTROYED THEIR NEST. THEY'LL NEVER FORGET THAT.
AND THE SURVIVORS OF A NEST LEARN, BECOME SMARTER.

THERE IS NO REASON TO LET THEM LIVE.
WH...
WHAT IF IT WERE A GOOD GOBLIN?
A GOOD GOBLIN?
THERE MIGHT BE, IF WE JUST LOOKED.
BUT I THINK...

...THE ONLY GOOD GOBLINS ARE THE ONES WHO NEVER COME OUT OF THEIR STINKING HOLES.
ZII

THAT'S TWENTY-TWO.

A VILLAGE IS ATTACKED BY GOBLINS. SOME MAIDENS ARE KIDNAPPED.
IT'S AN ALL TOO COMMON STORY.

BUT THE GOBLINS PROVE TOO MUCH, AND THE WHOLE PARTY IS SLAUGHTERED.
SOME NEWBIE ADVENTURERS DECIDE THEY'RE GOING TO GET RID OF THOSE GOBLINS FOR THEIR FIRST QUEST.

DURING THEIR CAPTIVITY, THOSE GIRLS WERE FORCED TO SERVE THE GOBLINS' NEEDS, AND IN DESPAIR, THEY ENTER THE TEMPLE.
GOTO
GOTO (RUMBLE)
OR MAYBE JUST ONE MAKES IT OUT AND SAVES THE GIRLS TOO.

THERE'S NOTHING EXCEPTIONAL ABOUT THIS STORY. IT HAPPENS EVERY DAY.
THAT LONE SURVIVING ADVENTURER SLOWLY SLIPS AWAY FROM THE WORLD AND NEVER LEAVES HOME AGAIN.
DO THESE LIFE-SHATTERING EVENTS REALLY HAPPEN ALL THE TIME?
OR SO I THINK. BUT I'M NOT SURE.
AND IF THEY DO, CAN I, KNOWING IT FIRST-HAND, MAINTAIN MY FAITH IN THE EARTH MOTHER?

BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHY...
I DON'T KNOW.
WILL WE BE HUNTING...?
H-HELLO!
UM...
I BOUGHT SOME CHAIN MAIL, JUST LIKE YOU TOLD ME...!
SO...
UM...
GOBLINS.

YES!

...I'M GOING TO CONTINUE AS AN ADVENTURER. AT LEAST FOR A WHILE.

TO BE CONTINUED!

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